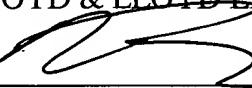


REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2003. The Office Action rejects Claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and notes that Claim 7 is allowable. In response, Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled. Accordingly, only Claim 7 is currently pending in the application which has been noted to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully request that it be passed to allowance.

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